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- (1) EP Patent No. 0 461 344;
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- (3) UK Patent No. 806,387;
- (4) EP Patent No. 0 036 050;
- (5) US Patent No. 3,189,209;
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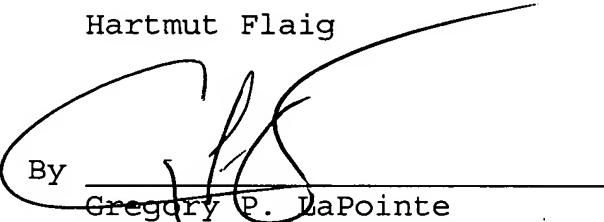
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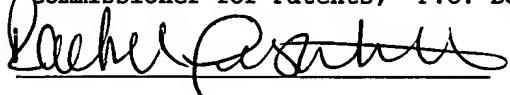
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